public :

(b) if so, the details of such programmes ;

(c) the criteria adopted for inviting general public for participation in such programmes ;

(d) whether Delhi Doordarshan propose to organise some more such programmes in near future ; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Doordarshan Kendra, Delhi telecast programmes like Prashan Manch, Sports Quiz, Quiz Show, Children's Quiz, Mushaira, Punjabi Kavi Darbar etc. involving participation of general public.

(c) The audience invited for participation in these programmes is on the basis of request received from them and from out of panel of viewers maintained by Audience Research Unit. The participant's interest in the subject and their suitability for the programmes are also kept in view.

(d) and (e) Telecast of programmes involving public participation is a continuous process.

Increase in Retirement Age of Central Government Employees

3202. DR. C. SILVERA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the retirement age of officials of Reserve Bank of India has been increased from 58 to 60 years ;

(b) if so, the Government also propose to increase the retirement age of Central Government employees from 58 to 60 years ;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : (a) Reserve Bank of India have decided to increase the age of retirement of its officers recruited/promoted prior to 19th July, 1969 and those workmen recruited prior to 19th July, 1969, but promoted on/after 19th July, 1969 as officers from 58 years to 60 years on selective basis, on the same lines as in the case of a majority of public sector banks. However, the Government have advised the Reserve Bank of India to follow the practice of three monthly review and ad-hoc extension as being done by the Reserve Bank of India for the Class III employees.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Keeping in view the need to provide employment opportunities to a growing number of educated & skilled personnel, the Fourth Pay Commission recommended that the existing age of retirement on superannuation for all Central Government employees should continue to be 58 years. This recommendation has been accepted by the Central Government.

Indo-Bangladesh Agreement in Science And Technology

3203. DR. C. SILVERA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether some agreements for collaboration to the Field of Science

and Technology has been signed between India and Bangladesh :

(b) if so, the details thereof with circumstances leading to such agreements ; and

(c) the duration of each such agreement ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) An S & T Agreement between the Government of India and the Government of People's Republic of Bangladesh in the field of Technological and Scientific Research for Development was signed in November, 1982. Subsequently a Protocol on S&T Cooperation was signed in accordance with the Article III of the above Agreement between the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR) and Science and Technological Division of Bangladesh (STDB) in July 1991. The S&T agreement provides a broad framework for cooperation in the field of Science and Technology between the scientific agencies/institutions in the two countries. It was formulated by taking into account various facets of binational interaction in areas of mutual interest. The Protocol on S&T cooperation was a follow-up of the exchanges at the level of Secretaries of DSIR and STDB, when it was decided that the two Departments may conclude a protocol of cooperation with Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) from the Indian side and Bangladesh Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (BCSIR) from the Bangladesh side as the implementing agencies in the two countries.

(c) The S&T Agreement signed in November 1982 was valid for a period of five years and was automatically renewed thereafter for each successive period of five years unless either Contracting Party terminates it by giving to the other a notice in writing to that effect six months prior to the expiry of any period of validity of the Agreement.

Similarly the Protocol on S&T Cooperation is valid for five years and shall be automatically extended on a year to year basis unless one of the parties gives notice to the other of its intention to terminate the protocol at least six months before the expiry.

Setting up of Township by Japanese Entrepreneurs

3205. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to allow the Japanese entrepreneurs to set up a township in India ;

(b) if so, the State where such a township is likely to be permitted : and

(c) whether any other country would be allowed to set up townships in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P. J. KURIEN) : (a) Presently only a feasibility study for setting up an Industrial Model Township is contemplated.

(b) Locations can follow only after the feasibility study is completed.

(c) There is no proposal from any other country for setting up an Industrial Model Town.